(e) by when, fencing work will recommence and likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) No, Sir. Despite the attempts made by Pakistan side to disrupt and damage the fencing work being undertaken on Jammu International Border, construction work is progressing and expected to be completed by March, 2003.

Insurgency problem in Assam

354. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem, "Insurgency continues to haunt Assam" published in the Newstime dated 28th May, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems raised in the newsitem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in-Assam under control. These include, *inter alia,* deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967; declaration of the entire State of Assam as "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernization/upgradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.